

Registered company number
04566497

Registered Charity number
1166691

Birmingham Playcare Network

Accounts

31 March 2023

Birmingham Playcare Network
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Introduction

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity, as set out in its Memorandum of Association are:

To enhance the development and education of children and to facilitate contact, share information, offer support and encourage, to promote the right to play of all children and to encourage best practice in child-centred playcare within the City of Birmingham by:-

- 1 supporting and enhancing the profile of playcare provision through events and activities
- 2 consulting with and encouraging the participation of Members
- 3 actively supporting the development of quality assurance standards for playcare
- 4 operating in an environment of equal opportunities and inclusive practice
- 5 supporting the development of playcare resources
- 6 supporting the development of a playcare training resource
- 7 establishing effective links with appropriate agencies to further benefit the work of the charity

This year, the charity provided the following services :

Play provision : 4600 craft and play packs were distributed across the city as part of the Holiday Activity and Food programmes lead by Street Games on behalf of Birmingham City Council. BPCN were commissioned to create and distribute packs to children who were not able to access holiday playscheme provision to provide children with activity and play opportunities.

Workforce Development: BPCN continued to deliver a successful summer of playscheme activity. Green spaces and parks in the south of the city were offered open access schemes with trained and upskilled playworkers. Working with our local community has also provided the opportunity for volunteers to gain new skills and secure paid work.

Information and Member services: BPCN offered community groups, schools, artists, the Early Years sector and the general public access to The Birmingham Scrapstore. This is a community re-use facility that takes clean business waste that is upcycled for play and creative projects.

Quality: BPCN support and promote the importance of play in childhood. Our activities seek to ensure that playful opportunities are accessed by children across our city. These opportunities should offer choice, innovation in play and environments that promote creativity, problem solving and fun.

All of the Centre's activities are aimed at supporting quality playcare, and supporting providers of playcare across the City of Birmingham. No member of the company, including the Trustees, receive any financial benefit from their involvement with the Centre.

In developing activities and delivering services, the Trustees have taken account of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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Achievement and performance

Our key achievements over the last twelve months include:

Our key achievement has been distributing craft and play packs as part of the Bring It On Brum campaign. We have ensured that children receiving our packs had the basic elements such as stationary, sports equipment and craft resources to provide them with activities to do during the school holidays.

Our new location in Northfield at The Hollymoor Centre has proved to be an excellent location and the community has really welcomed our scrapstore facility with great enthusiasm. Visitor numbers increase each month and it is a fantastic resource working with local businesses and individuals to donate their waste or surplus to be upcycled for creative play, community events, crafting and school support. Our scrapstore facility is supported by volunteers from across BPCN with the number of volunteers hours exceeding 60 hours per week.

In July 2022 we offered a new group programme - Momma moves which invited mothers and their babies or children under 5 to come along to gentle keep fit and play sessions. Based at the Hollymoor Centre these sessions proved to be extremely well received and the feedback from those who attended was great. These sessions continued to be offered by BPCN.

BPCN continue to work with Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard on their Building Community project which is a five-year funded Big Lottery programme. The tea dances and play in parks elements of the project are run by BPCN and have been extremely well attended by residents.

BPCN ran its second cohort of workshops funded by Awards for All for local residents in Northfield as part of our Create Craft Share project. Supporting older women to address issues of loneliness through craft and friendship has been a great piece of work for us to engage with our new community.

We have worked collaboratively with a range of partners throughout the year bringing in valuable specialist services to our local community. Our partners have included:

Sport Birmingham, Stockfield Community Housing Association, Arts in the Yard, Thrive Together Birmingham, Edgbaston Foundation, Heart of England Foundation, Big Lottery, Celebrating Communities, Northfield NNS, In Kind Direct, Giving World, Longbridge Childcare Strategy, and The Reuseful Network.

The Trustees would therefore like to thank our dedicated staff team, our volunteers, our partners and funders for their support over the year, enabling us to positively change the lives of so many children.

Financial review

For the year to March 2023 it has been Decided by the Trustees to treat Play Advocacy income and expenditure as Designated Funds. In this year there were incoming resources of £187,095 and net expenditure of £138,614 leaving a balance on the fund at 31st March 2023 of £48,481.25. Previous years have not been restated to include this change.

Overall there was a surplus in Unrestricted funds of £31,995 increasing our Unrestricted reserves to £85,124. This year we secured new funding from Big Lottery, Street Games BCC Commonwealth activity, as well as continued support the Stockfield Building Community Together consortium.

Where grants are given for specific purposes, they are treated as Restricted Funds. In the year to 31 March 2023, there were 7 restricted funds, and tracking and managing these funds is an important part of the charity's financial management. We are grateful to all our funders for their valuable support.

In the year to 31 March 2023 37% of the expenditure went on staff salaries and employer costs, and 48% on the direct costs of the charity's activities. The remaining 15% was spent on premises, overheads and governance.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees have adopted a policy on reserves. Due to uncertainties and the short term nature of much of the charity's funding, the aim is to hold sufficient reserves in the Unrestricted Fund to allow it to operate for a period of 6 months and/or to meet redundancy costs for posts that cannot be sustained. The current free reserves of £85,124 will cover this amount,

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The company is constituted as a not for profit Company Limited by Guarantee having no share capital. It was registered as a charity in April 2016. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the policies made from time to time by its Directors, who are also the trustees of the charity.

Every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees, the Trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Company.

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Registered office
Hollymoor Centre
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Trustees
Yvette Oruye
Maxine Yvonne Mills
Sarah Ann Wood
Jesse Gerald

Key personnel
Day to day Management is devolved to the Business Development Manager, who regularly reports to the Board of Trustees

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on its behalf by:

Trustee
Yvette Oruye
Date: 28th September 2023



**Independent Examiner' Report to the Trustees of
Birmingham Playcare Network
Accounts to 31st March 2023**

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail; or to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

RB Welch FCA MA
Chartered Accountant
P&W Social Accountants
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28th September 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ending 31 March 2023

		Current Year 2023 Unrestricted Fund	Current Year 2023 Designated Fund	Current Year 2023 Restricted Fund	Current Year 2023 Total Funds	Prior Year 2022 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from						
Charitable Activities	3	52,940	187,095	49,249	289,284	225,955
Investment Income	4	812	-	-	812	43
		<u>53,752</u>	<u>187,095</u>	<u>49,249</u>	<u>290,096</u>	<u>225,998</u>
Total						
Expenditure					7,300	7,887
Raising Funds	5	7,300	-		225,812	183,870
Charitable Activities	5	14,497	138,614	72,701		
		<u>21,797</u>	<u>138,614</u>	<u>72,701</u>	<u>233,112</u>	<u>191,757</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)						
		31,955	48,481	(23,452)	56,984	34,241
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total funds brought forward		53,129	-	30,070	83,199	48,958
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>85,084</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

* Please see note 13 for prior year comparative

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2,238	175	
Cash at bank and in hand	142,555	86,940	
	<u>144,793</u>	<u>87,115</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(4,610)	(3,916)	
Net current assets		140,183	83,199
Net assets		<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>
All funds			
Unrestricted Funds		85,084	53,130
Designated Funds		48,481	-
Restricted Funds		6,618	30,069
Total Funds		<u>140,183</u>	<u>83,199</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Trustee

Date:



28/09/23

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Notes to the Accounts
Year Ending 31 March 2023

1 General Information

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the Company's key grant funders and in response to the progress made by the Company in pursuing a viable budget including the obtaining of further grants and other funds. The Company's current business plan shows that the Company will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life (assets with a cost below £1,000 are not capitalised) :

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-25% per annum straight line
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Income

*Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

*Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise staff costs and other direct costs involved in the raising of funds for the charity;
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support & governance costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. From 2023 it has been decided by the Trustees Play Advocacy as a designated fund rather than Unrestricted.

Restricted funds can only be used for the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension Costs

The Company operates a money purchase pension scheme for employees. Employer contributions are charged as an expense in the period to which they relate and are allocated to activities in line with the related salary cost.

3 Restricted grants:	2023	2022
	£	£
Awards for All		9,982
Sport Birmingham		6,800
Stockfield BIG	22,287	25,418
Tesco	992	
Govt Job Retention Scheme		3,019
Northfield NNS	4,920	
Harry Payne Foundation	1,000	
NDSU	2,500	
Sutton NNS		5,170
Commonwealth Games Creative City	10,105	6,736
Commonwealth Games Celebrating Comms	6,445	
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms	1,000	4,000
Connecting Comms		1,996
	<u>49,249</u>	<u>63,121</u>
Income from Charitable activities		
Scrapstore	46,904	24,937
Training	700	4,880
Play Advocacy - From 2023 Treated as a Designated Fund	187,095	131,071
Other income	5,336	1,947
	<u>240,035</u>	<u>162,835</u>
	<u>289,284</u>	<u>225,956</u>
4 Investment Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank account interest	812	43
	<u>812</u>	<u>43</u>
5 Direct costs of charitable activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	84,021	68,433
Staff training & travel	163	12
Premises & office costs	26,303	22,558
Central function costs	5,238	5,434
Direct cost of activities	109,547	86,892
Independent Examiner's Fee	540	540
	<u>225,812</u>	<u>183,869</u>
Raising funds:		
Staff costs	6,900	7,507
Other direct costs	400	380
	<u>7,300</u>	<u>7,887</u>

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6 Staff costs

	2023	2022
STAFF COSTS		£
Wages and salaries	85,514	72,682
Employer costs - National Insurance	1,555	1,317
Pension costs	2,291	1,941
	<u>89,360</u>	<u>75,940</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
£	£
3.0	3.0

There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.
There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,238	175
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,238</u>	<u>175</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,109	2,109
Income tax and social security	1,961	1,267
Accrued expenses	540	540
	<u>4,610</u>	<u>3,916</u>

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9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2023	2022
	Total & Unrestricted Funds	Total & Unrestricted Funds
Fixed Assets	140,183	83,199
Net Current Assets/(liabilities)		
	140,183	83,199

10 Movement in Funds

	Opening Balance	Movement in fund	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	53,130	80,436	133,566
	53,130	80,436	133,566
Restricted Funds			
Harry Payne		-	-
Nothfield NNS		3,538	3,538
BCC Early Years			-
Awards for All	5,269	(5,269)	-
Sport Birmingham	6,800	(6,800)	-
Healthy Happy Holidays	-		-
Stockfield BIG	4,629	(1,129)	3,500
Tesco	-	330	330
Eveson Trust	-	(2,252)	(2,252)
Comm Game Creative City	5,740	(4,239)	1,501
Legacy Fund Stronger Comms	4,000	(4,000)	-
Connecting Communities	810	(810)	-
Sutton NNS	2,821	(2,821)	-
Total Funds	83,199	56,984	140,183

Eveson Trust

Financial support to replace and update IT equipment
Funding was confirmed and utilised in the year cash was received after the year end

Creative City- Commonwealth

We plan to deliver community arts workshops to produce to two large scale art installations based on play and Birmingham.

Sutton NNS

Deliver a mixture of online and face to face tea dances to residents that are over 55 in Sutton Coldfield.

Legacy Fund

We plan to record and share stories of play heritage from Birmingham's diverse communities. Speaking about the connections which exist between its places, people and the effect of the Commonwealth games.

Connecting communities

Opportunities provided for the public to engage through the delivery of crafting workshops, community play sessions and volunteering opportunities.

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Awards for all

Delivery of workshops for participants based around recycling of household scrap
 Scrap Play workshops - centred on the use of scrap materials.
 Events for volunteers to attend based around the above and to promote the Scrapstore to a wider audience.

Sport Birmingham

This project is part of Sport England Tackling Inequalities fund and provides sessions for mums to access exercise and wellbeing sessions while their child is looked after with funded creche facilities. The mums and children also have access to play sessions linked to The National Literacy trust 'First Words Together' programme.

Building Communities Together

This is a five year Big Lottery funded programme that BPCN deliver along with partners Stockfield Community Housing Association and Arts in the Yard. Based in the Stockfield area of Acocks Green the project aims to reduce isolation, provide play opportunities and increased access to the arts.

Northfield NNS

This is a club developed for local women over 50 to deliver craft sessions and a selection of crafty trips and events. The workshop were delivered at our scrapstore facility with the group showcasing their talents and leading the workshops.

11 Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year or previous year that require disclosure in these accounts.

12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is wholly under the control of the board of Trustees.

13 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:				
Donations & legacies				
Charitable activities	3	162,834	63,121	225,955
Investment income	4	43		43
TOTAL INCOME		162,877	63,121	225,998
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	5	7,887		7,887
Charitable Activities	5	147,544	36,326	183,870
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		155,431	36,326	191,757
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,446	26,795	34,241
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		45,683	3,275	48,958
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		53,129	30,070	83,199